Date Received: Date Due to RPC: April 2, 2021 regionalplanning@co.marion.oh.us
CDBG Formula Program Marion City/County application for consideration
1. Total proposed activities must be such that can be completed between January 2022 and December 2023.
2. All non-residential construction and improvements must meet or exceed State Building Codes.
3. Cost estimates must be itemized, signed and provided by a qualified source (i.e. Engineer, architect, city/county engineer, AND state that they are based upon Federal prevailing wage rates through the grant period)
4. All costs estimates for construction projects with an estimated cost of \$2,000 or more must include federal prevailing wages and the estimate must state so and must state that the estimate is good through 2022.
5. Chip and seal or gravel-based road improvements are not eligible.
6. Fire departments must provide a complete list of equipment needed to meet specific safety requirements of the Industrial Commission of the Ohio Relating to Fire fighting, ORC 4121:1-21, along with their itemized list of equipment request and estimate(s) of costs.
7. Only the city or county may enter into contracts for your project.
8. If you are committing other funds to the project and or if other sources of funds are included in this project, copies of letters, resolutions. ordinances, etc. committing these funds must be submitted at the time of this application to the City/County.
9. Attach letters from agency(s) requiring improvements, if applicable
10. Organizations (other than local governments) must submit a copy of their constitution and

11. In order to be eligible your project must either: (please check how your project is eligible)

\_benefit low- and moderate-income people; (either directly or an area wide benefit)

by-laws.

<u>XXXX</u> benefit limited clientele groups such as elderly persons, homeless or handicapped persons, abused children, battered spouses, illiterate persons, migrant farm workers, and programs with eligibility requirements which limit the benefits of the activity to low- and					
moderate-income persons.					
aid in the prevention aor elimination of slum & blight (for building rehabilitation, activity is limited to exterior work and code violations)					
12. Applicant Information:					
Name of applicant: <u>Tara L. Dyer</u>					
Phone No. <u>7407518050</u>					
Address: 485 N. Grand Ave. Marion, OH 43302					
Contact Person: (above) Phone No. (above) Address: (above)					
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Note:Are you a public service group or non-profit entity?					
Check One: xxxxxYes No					
If yes, attach a copy of constitution and by-laws. (See item 10 above.)					
13. PROJECT INFORMATION					
a. Describe Project Activity and measurements in detail: (Attach additional sheets and photographs if necessary)See attached PowerPoint.					
Note:a.Fire departments see item (6) above. <u>Fire Department statement is also attached.</u>					
a. Describe if project is necessary to meet state or local requirements or mandates see iter (9) above.	n				
a. Will you need to acquire easements or property to complete this project?  Yes xxxxxx No					
If yes, explain.					
Is this property occupied?Yes xxxxx No					
a. Who provided the Project Cost Estimate?					

Name: <u>Jerry Wilson LLC</u>
Address: 1849 Claridon Westfield Rd. Marion, OH 43302
Phone No. <u>7402253804</u>
Name: Steve Lawrence
Address: Blue Ridge (Habitat)
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Labor (use federal prevailing wage)\$
Materials\$
Engineering\$
Total Cost of Project\$
Note: Attach a copy of the cost estimate. (See items (3) & (4) above.)
a. How much CDBG money is being requested? \$65,000
If you are not applying for the total cost of the project, where will the other funds come from?
SourceAmount
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(List others if necessary)
Note:a)Attach commitment letters from the sources listed above.(See item (8)
a) Proposed project must meet State Building Code. (See item (2) above.)
a. Will Village, Township, or County employees perform any work?

Yes xxxxxNo
If yes, will the employees be paid from the CDBG grant?
YesNo
Describe the work to be performed by Village, Township, or County employees.
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1. PROJECT BENEFIT INFORMATION
<ul> <li>a. Where is the exact location of the project?</li> <li>365 E. Fairground St.</li> <li>Marion, OH 43302</li> </ul>
Note:Provide a map which shows the location of the activity.
b. What is the project service area? Marion County
Note:Provide a map of the boundaries of the service area.
c. Who will benefit from this project? The Nia House will provide an outreach
d. How many households are in the service area?
e. Have you completed an income survey?Yes <a href="mailto:xxxxxNo">xxxxxxNo</a>
Note:Submit the surveys with this form.
What date were the households surveyed?
Number of households surveyed?
Number of low-Moderate Income Households (# of surveys with checkmarks)?
3. % Low-Moderate Income Households (line 2 divided by line 1)?
4. Number of Persons in Households surveyed?

<ul><li>a. Does your project affect an historic district?</li></ul>	al property or does your project occur in an historica
Yes <u>xxxxx</u> No	
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b. Is your project located in a flood pla	ain?
Yes xxxxx No	
lf yes, explain	
c. Will any access fees by charged? entrance fees, etc.)	(i.e. Sewer or water line hook-up, membership fees,
Yes xxxxx No	
If yes, explain.	
Signature	
Typed Name	

1. SITE INFORMATION

Tara L. Dyer

# Nia House

"A Homeless Outreach Program For Youth"

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# Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

The concept of the name is derived from:

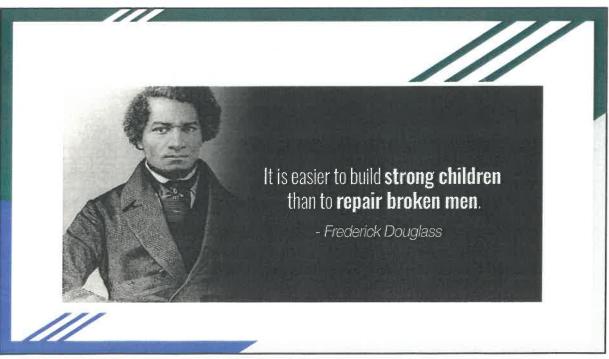
The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

- Umoja (Unity) To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race. ...
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) ...
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) ...
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) ...
- Nia (Purpose) ...
- Kuumba (Creativity) ...
- Imani (Faith)

## Purpose:

Basic Center Program (BCP) works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The programs provide youth up to age 18 with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and referrals for health care. BCPs can provide 21 days of shelter for up to 20 youth and seek to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. In addition to emergency shelter, many BCP grantees provide out-of-shelter services, including street-based services and home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from their families. There are exceptions for jurisdictions that have different standards for licensing.

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## **Definition:**

The McKinney-Vento Act defines "homeless children and youths" as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." Lacking any one of these three conditions would make a child eligible. In other words, if the residence is not fixed, regular, and adequate, it is considered a homeless situation.

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## McKinney-Vento Definition (continued):

- Homeless students can be highly mobile and lack long-term housing.
- Students who are experiencing homelessness often experience interruptions in their education and fall behind in school.
- Maintaining educational stability should be a priority for schools and districts when working with students who are experiencing homelessness.

| McKinney-Vento Homeless Act Guidance | November 2017

## Who Meets This Definition?

- Students meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless when they lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence.
- Students who are sharing the housing of another person (doubled up) due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason meet the definition of homeless. This includes students living in motels, hotels, RV parks or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations, as well as those living in emergency or transitional shelters or abandoned in hospitals.

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## Rights of Eligible Children and Youth

Right to immediate school enrollment even when records not present

Right to remain in the school of origin, if in the student's best interest

Right to receive transportation to and from the school of origin

Right to receive support for academic success

Some data and info from the following community agencies present a realistic view of Marion's at risk youth.

Goodwill, Marion County Children Services, Marion City Schools...

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# Goodwill's "Building Youth Lives That Work"

The Ohio Department of Health awarded Marion Goodwill with a grant to assist homeless youth ages 14-24 with housing, employment, education, health and social connectedness. This grant started 7/1/2020 and is renewed until 6/30/2022.

Average of 8 new referrals monthly

25% are pregnant 48% are parents to 1+ children 20% are LBGTQ+ 21% identify as a racial minority

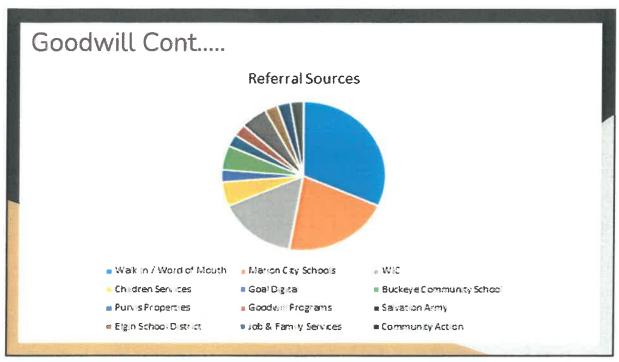
Youth Advocate/ Homeless Coordinator, Regan Wood is there to support the Nia house and provide services and case management to the youth as well as use the Nia house as a resource

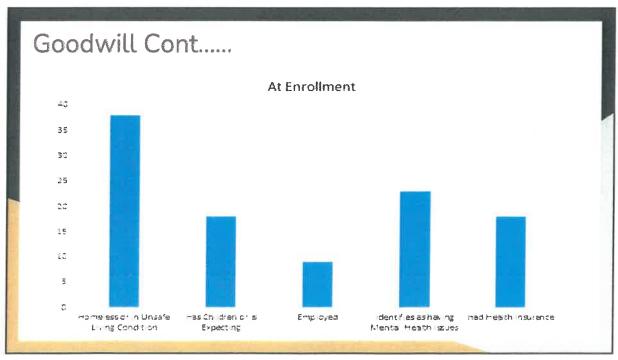
#### First 7 months of the program:

- -46 Youth Served/Enrolled (35 was 12 month projection)
- -28 Youth have obtained housing
- -26 Youth have gained new employment
- -19 have address mental/physical health

#### **Challenges:**

- -Not enough apartments in Marion County
- -No shelter/drop in center for youth
- -No secure place to complete remote learning





## Hear the youth stories of Homelessness:

From Youth in "Building Youth Lives That Work"

"I have been bouncing around, sneaking into my moms shed to get some sleep, its really cold"

"Im 17 and pregnant and every day we didn't know what was going to happen. We didn't know if his mom was going to be in a good mood, or if she was going to want to kick us out again for the 1000th time"

I have struggled with being on my own and in a stable place since I turned 18, no one tells you how hard it is to be an adult" "I could not go to my OBGYN appointments during my first 6 months because I could not afford to go"

"If it was not for the Goodwill program we would still be sleeping in my car, fighting with my mom, and just constantly worrying about what the future will bring 24/7"

"I have been homeless for 10 years, I am 23"

"I have done 47 different drugs while being homeless"

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# Marion City Schools Data:

# High School Students Experiencing Homelessness

2015-2016-22

2016-2017-43

2017-2018-43

2018-2019-59

2019-2020-53

2020-2021-22

### More Data:

Marion County Children Services

The Heart of Ohio

**Homeless Shelter** 

has put forth a "tentative" offer

for purchase of

Shelter.

their former Men's

Child maltreatment continues be on a rise in Marion County. In 2020, MCCS completed 794 assessments of safety. While this is lower than the previous three, record setting years, it is higher than 2016. The COVID-19 health pandemic and social distancing could have had a significant impact on this number.

The primary reason for agency involvement remains issues of neglect. The ORC definition neglect is broad and covers many concerns such as basic needs, environmental, education, and medical.

Primary referrals sources are: medical professionals, law enforcement, social service staff, and family/friends.

After three years of experiencing higher than average numbers of children entering custody, in 2020 we experienced a 27% decrease from the 5 year average. This could be a result of COVID-19 and the Agency's expanded family search and engagement efforts.

The primary reasons for children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care are: drug abuse of parent, neglect, incarceration of parent, unruly/definquency issues and child behavior problem(s).

Inadequate housing was listed as a reason for removal:

- 1 2016
- 0 2017
- 3 2018
- 6-2019
- 2-2020

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# HoOHS-MSP - Men's Shelter - TENTATIVE Price Range

Hello Tara,

Again, per my agreement with the HoOHS-MSP Board, the TENTATIVE price range for the Men's Shelter (365 E. Fairground St) is \$70,000-\$80,000. Once we have a firm price, I will get it to you.

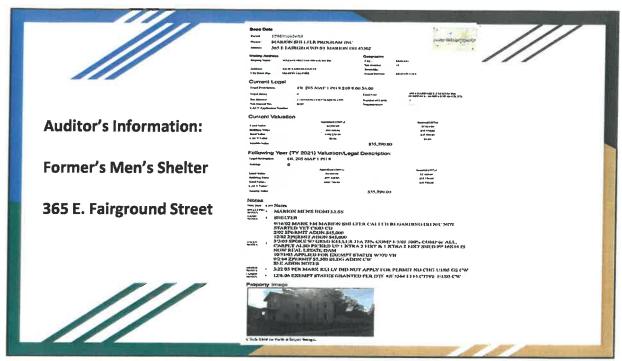
Thanks so much!

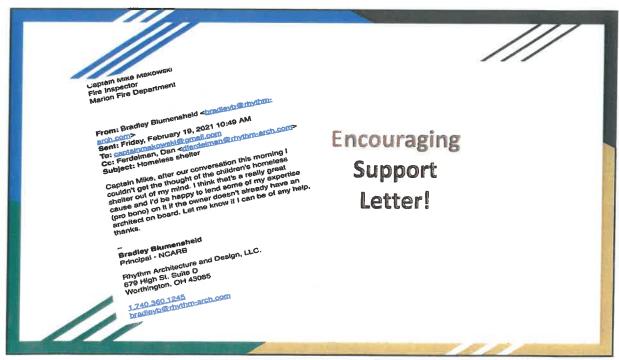
Take care, Heath

Heath M. Ring Executive Director Heart of Ohio Humeless Shelter Office: (240) 287-4550 Fax: (740) 223-3423



HEART OF OHIO HOMELESS SHELTER





# Estimates: Repairs/infrastructure are needed. Two estimates that were recently obtained are listed below.

Jerry Wilson Contracting ILC

1849 Claridon - Westfield Rd

Marion, OH 43302

\$\$52,715

Parts and materials

Structural concerns does include the roof.

**Steve Lawrence** 

Blue Ridge ( Habitat)

Marion, OH

\$47, 185

Does not include windows or

Roof.

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# What We Are Proposing:

**Basic Community Program:** 

• BCPs work to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth under 18 years of age and their families. BCPs provide youth with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and referrals to necessary services. BCPs can provide temporary shelter for up to 21 days for youth and seek to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate, alternative placements. Additional services may include street-based services, home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family, drug abuse education, and prevention services.

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## Conclusion:

An outreach facility for our homeless youth is needed in Marion, Ohio. A demonstration of need was presented in this presentation. Now, funding is needed to make this a viable solution for at-risk youth in our city. We must work collaboratively to give them a "purpose" to thrive and grow. Truly, this is a step towards that goal.

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